(c) Apart from suitable provision in the dealership agreement, any complaints about misuse are enquired into and appropriate action is taken.

Coal gasification process

1524. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal gasification process has been tested in India on a pilot project basis;

(b) if so, whether it has proved successful;

(c) whether commercial exploitation is proposed to be undertaken; and

(d) if so the areas which are proposed to be developed?

THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) One Low Temperature Carbonisation Plant for carbonising 1500 tonnes of raw coal per day to produce 18—20 million cft. of gas per day, 990 tonnes of smokeless coke per day, 30,000 tonnes of tar per annum and other products like ammonium sulphate, calcium carbonate etc. is under construction at Dankuni in West Bengal. The gas would be supplied to industrial and domestic consumers in Calcutta.

Press news captioned 'DESU Ka Dilli Wallon Ki Zindagi Se Khilwad"

1525. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindi Edition of Hindustan dated the 5th August, 1985 under the *heading* "DESU KA DILLI WALLON KI ZINDAGI SE KHILWAD"; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a Committee to inquire into the matter and if not,, what remedial measures have been taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from the statutory inquiries by the Electrical Inspector (Delhi Administration) and the Departmental Enquiry by DESU, the Delhi Administration has constituted a High Level Committee for an indepth inquiry into the cases of death due to electrocution.

DESU have taken several steps to check cases of electrocution which include (i) provision of adequate guards on overhead system (ii) removal of defects in cable feeding street light poles and boxes and (iii) issue of guidelines to public.

Sikka Thermal Plant

1526. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has sent the project report for Sikka Thermal Extension Unit No. 2 in July 1983 for final sanction of the Department;

(b) whether the clearance of the project report is pending just because the decision regarding supply of estimated 0.35 m. ton coal has not yet been taken although 2-1|2 years have passed;

(c) would the Department expedite the decision in view of tremendous shortage of electricity supply in Gujarat; and

(d) failing to make supply of coal from internal sources would the Government consider the Gujarat Government's plea for import of coal from coal producing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been submitted by the Gujarat Electricity Board.

(b) to (d) The CEA took up examination of the Scheme in consultation with the agencies concerned, including the Gujarat Electricity Board. This Scheme could be techno-economically cleared by the CEA after various inputs such as coal linkage have been tied-up. The Scheme has been recommended to the Planning Commission for "in-principle" acceptance of coal linkage. The question of import of coal has not been raised for this Project.